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The President's Report

To the Trustees of Colby College:

The President has the honor to submit the following report for the academic year 1904-1905:

After a long life of exalted service, Professor Samuel K. Smith, D. D., died on August 20, 1904. As a professor, he was eminently qualified for his tasks, and his work at Colby was of the imperishable kind. He sat many years at the evening of his life with his active work completed, patiently waiting the call of God. As a teacher, he was conscientious and loyal; as a minister of the gospel, he exerted a wide influence in all the parishes which he visited and, as a citizen and gentleman, he stood for all that was noblest in life.

We are called also to mourn the loss of Professor Laban E. Warren, LL. D., whose death occurred April 21, 1905, at Littleton, Mass. For eight years previous to 1875 he was Principal of the Academy at New London, N. H. His eminent service at Colby continued for twenty-eight years. In 1892 he travelled extensively in Europe, and his lectures on Art given to successive classes were highly appreciated. Professor Warren was a Christian gentleman of the highest ideals.

The death of Sam, the faithful Janitor of the College, occurred on July 1st, 1904, after thirty-five years of devotion to our interests. The funeral service, with addresses by Dr. Whittemore and the President, was held in the Chapel. The bearers were Colby Alumni.

THE STUDENTS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The registration for the present year is 243,—a gain of 23% over the last report. The first year of my administration the Freshman class numbered 50; the growth of the next three years is indicated by entering classes of 60, 77, and 105.

The health of the students has been excellent and very little serious sickness has occurred. The sanitation of the campus and the buildings is believed to be of a very high grade.

The Christian Associations have sustained their services with good results. Bible and Mission classes have been held, and it is hoped that many of the students have seen with increasing clearness the vision of life which Christ inspires.

Athletics have played an important part in college activities and, in their relation to the intellectual life of the students, have been placed upon a better basis. A committee of the Faculty and local Alumni co-operate with the students in an Athletic Association, which renders very efficient service. The financial condition of this organization has greatly improved, and it is a pleasure to report that the happy issue out of many embarrassments is largely due to the able efforts of Professor Bayley, its retiring Treasurer.

The withdrawal of a number of students from the campus dormitories to the D. K. E. Chapter House on College Avenue has produced only happy results. The local Alumni have taken a deep interest in this matter.

As in former years, the question of self-support has demanded its difficult answer from a large number of our students. To the kinds of work formerly done has been added the opportunity to labor, during parts of the week, at the Hollingsworth & Whitney Company in Winslow. Several students have practically maintained themselves while continuing their intellectual work.

The increased number in attendance have found it possible to pay their term bills with the promptness required by your recent

vote. Every account must now be settled in full before the final examinations for each term begin.

OUR GRADUATES

The address book which has been published by the college has been carefully edited by Dr. Hall. A study of this pamphlet gives the following information:—

Number of living Alumni, 814; number of living Alumnae, 182.

The geographical distribution of the Alumni is as follows:— Australia 1; Burma 3; Hawaiian Islands 1; Japan 1; New Brunswick 1; Philippine Islands 5; Spain 1; Switzerland 1; Arizona 1; Arkansas 2; California 22; Colorado 7; Connecticut 26; District of Columbia 9; Florida 1; Georgia 2; Illinois 17; Indiana 1; Indian Territory 1; Kansas 3; Kentucky 2; Louisiana 2; Maine 323; Maryland 6; Massachusetts 181; Michigan 3; Minnesota 14; Montana 3; Missouri 6; Nebraska 3; New Hampshire 23; New Jersey 5; New York 39; North Carolina 3; North Dakota 2; Ohio 6; Oregon 2; Pennsylvania 11; Rhode Island 8; South Carolina 1; South Dakota 4; Tennessee 2; Vermont 10; Virginia 5; Washington 9; West Virginia 1; Wisconsin 3.

The geographical distribution of the Alumnae is as follows:— Mexico 1; Philippine Islands 1; Connecticut 7; Maine 98; Maryland 1; Massachusetts 44; Michigan 1; Montana 1; New Hampshire 5; New York 9; North Dakota 1; Ohio 1; Pennsylvania 3; Rhode Island 1; Virginia 1; Vermont 5; Washington 1; West Virginia 1.

The Alumnae Association of Boston met in April. Deep interest was manifested in the affairs of the college, and especially in the growth of the Women's Division. I was present as guest and explained the new plan for the education of women at Waterville.

Earlier in the year, the New York and Boston Alumni Associations had their usual banquets, which it was my pleasure to attend. Professor Roberts was also present at the gathering of the New York Alumni, and delivered an address which left nothing to be desired, and which was most favorably received. The attendance and spirit of these meetings were excellent and prophetic of good things.

Colby Night was observed in Memorial Hall in the early part of October. It was an evening of great enthusiasm, with an original poem by our honored Alumnus, Mr. Holman F. Day. Speeches were made by Professor Roberts, Dennis E. Bowman, Esq., Professor Bayley, Principal W. S. Knowlton, and the President. The formal gift of the Alumni Field, with its new grandstand and extensive improvements, made the culmination of an evening never to be forgotten by the large gathering of students, Faculty and Alumni.

The first election of three Trustees by the Alumni Association marks a new era in the life of the college. I believe that the increased devotion of our graduates is very evident to all careful observers.

A NEW COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

The noble gift of Mrs. Dexter leading to the erection of Foss Hall has, without doubt, given a new impetus to the Women's Division. At the laying of the corner-stone of the new dormitory Judge Bonney delivered a memorable address, at the conclusion of which he spoke as follows:—

'New conditions demand new methods. New conditions required new and enlarged courses of study; and new conditions have demanded that a broader definition be given to the word "youth" as contained in the original charter of Colby College than that given by the founders. The young women are flocking to the doors of the higher institutions of learning and are seeking recognition and an opportunity for the improvement of

their intellectual powers. More than four thousand of them are now pursuing studies in the colleges of New England. Are we to stifle their aspirations or throw obstacles in the way of their realization? Shall we compel the young women of Maine who have these aspirations to go to other states, at increased expense, in order to gratify them? I glory in the longings of any person, black or white, bond or free, man or woman, boy or girl, for a better, stronger, more cultured and useful life. I rejoice in every movement which brings those high longings and aspirations to a successful consummation.

We thank our venerable and philanthropic friend, Mrs. Eliza S. Dexter, for the great gift she has made for the comfort and convenience of the young women of Colby, as well as for the cause of education in general. The construction of this building, whose corner-stone has just been placed in position, renders the existence of the women's college certain, continued and permanent for all time, and is another step in carrying out the plan of the Trustees to establish here in Waterville a separate and independent college for women as soon as circumstances will permit; and may this—the Eliza A. Foss Hall—its first educational structure, prove an everlasting blessing to the generations of young women who in years to come shall enter its portals and here prepare themselves for the great work of life.

In order that the design of the Trustees may be fully carried out, money is needed for the construction of a Recitation Hall and other buildings and for the creation of an endowment fund. Dr. Ricker, of sainted memory, was accustomed to say that if a fund for any object could be once started and its purpose frequently brought to public attention, it would grow. Up to the present time no one has given a dollar for the establishment of such a fund. But I hold in my hand a check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer, which the donor, a good and noble sister, directs "shall be set aside as the beginning of a fund

for the Woman's College, the income only to be used for the benefit of said college." She makes this gift not only for the promotion of the higher education of woman, but as a challenge to others to make additions thereto.'

The Joint Committee of five trustees and five members of the Faculty appointed to perfect the establishment of a separate Woman's College in Waterville, which in my judgment was wisely voted in January, 1905, will report at the approaching commencement.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. By an arrangement made with the Maine colleges, it was this year our privilege to nominate a man for the Rhodes Scholarship. The following gentlemen presented themselves for the Oxford examinations: Mr. Harold W. Soule, of Hingham, Mass., who was graduated in June, 1904; Mr. Arthur L. Field, of Bakersfield, Vt., of the Senior class; and Mr. Karl R. Ken-nison, of Waterville, Me., of the Sophomore class. All three of these gentlemen successfully passed the examinations. The Faculty selected Mr. Harold W. Soule.

2. The increased number of students and the inability of a very large proportion of them to attend college without scholarship aid has led this year to an unusual growth of such donations. I recommend that a committee of the faculty shall be empowered to determine the intellectual tests for scholarships where a rank of 70% is not gained, for it must be remembered that extenuating conditions of sickness and misfortune often exist and that therefore the vote of the Trustees requiring an average of 70% for all who receive scholarships, while generally excellent, might in its rigid enforcement do great harm.

3. A Junior in the college, Mr. Chas. P. Chipman, has ably performed the duties of collector. Mr. Chipman has already won sufficient distinction as a writer of juvenile books to gain a place in "Who's Who in America." The conditional offer

of the Education Society terminates Jan. 1st, 1906, and a determined effort will be made to collect the remaining payments before that date.

4. The campus, especially that part which slopes toward the river, has been greatly improved. Flowering shrubs have been planted in suitable places. Gifts from two friends of the college have made these betterments possible. While much remains to be done in this direction, the most needful results have already been accomplished.

5. The physical condition of the property is excellent. During the past four years the buildings have been extensively renewed and a relatively small expenditure will hereafter keep the property in good condition. The improvements for the year, which have been necessarily charged to repairs, have really entered into the permanent property and have previously been charged to the Profit and Loss and not to the Current Expense Account.

6. We have built and equipped this year, in accordance with your vote, a new laboratory for quantitative analysis, at an expense of \$900. Electric lighting has also necessarily been introduced into the upper rooms of Chemical Hall and in the Biological Laboratory in Coburn Hall, costing \$160.00. The enlargement of the steam plant, which was greatly needed in Chemical Hall, cost \$250.00, and the purchase of additional chairs for recitation rooms required an equal amount. Thus \$1560.00 have passed into the betterment of the property.

7. The only necessary repairs now known for next year, except those of a minor nature, are as follows: The painting of the metal roofs of all the college buildings; the replenishment of the gravel roof on the gymnasium ell; new roofs for recitation hall and the president's stable; and the painting of Coburn Hall. It is believed that the probable cost of these repairs will be \$750.00.

8. The work of the Conference Board has been considerable.

For many years it has been found impossible to satisfactorily adjust the general average of small repairs occasioned by the carelessness of students. The new plan is to send a frequent statement of the cost of such damages, with all bills indicating the details, to the Chairman of the Students' Conference Committee. These are approved and returned to the Prudential Committee. The Conference Board has shown wise discrimination, indicating very justly such repairs as should be charged to the general average and those that shall be paid by individual students.

9. The women in the college halls are required to board at the Ladies' Hall, where Miss Ella F. Butman has been the very efficient matron. The work of this department and the daily care of the women's buildings have been performed by the students, who have been recompensed for their service by an allowance on their board bill.

The deficit in this department has been occasioned partly by this form of service, which possibly is a little more expensive than other forms of labor. But it must be remembered that the income from the several rooms which servants would require accrues to the college, being paid by the students who work for their board and whose term bills also aggregate a large amount. We have educated these women without added cost and they could not be in college without this opportunity for self-help. Indeed, we show this year a more favorable report than was presented when the boarding department was not maintained by the college, when no students had opportunities for work, and when outside service was employed for the care of these houses. It is believed, however, that another year will witness even a more satisfactory report from this department.

10. At the Commons as long as the men were present in large numbers the financial condition was very favorable; for various reasons, however, and none of them within the power of the college to alter, the number has this year been greatly reduced.

Even when the board was acknowledged to be very satisfactory, the attendance steadily declined. Operating expenses were carefully guarded, but necessarily remained large. The losses for unpaid bills have been less than \$100.00. Many of the students, for various reasons, have become anxious for the re-establishment of the fraternity club plan, where board was formerly from \$3.50 to \$4.00, and probably even higher per week. It has seemed a strange coincidence that some of the men most cramped financially have found it possible to board at more expensive places. The Commons has done great good to the students who have served for their board, and many of these have been able to remain in college only because this aid was afforded. With 80 students, the Commons could be properly maintained. It is thought that the house may be let to someone who will privately board students at reasonable rates and who would rent rooms to outside parties. The only way in which I believe the College could maintain the Commons without a deficit, would be to require the men, as we do the women who reside in college dormitories, to board at the College Commons; but it is a question whether this would be a wise arrangement.

11. The new courses in Applied Science have been scheduled for next year.

12. The recent multiplication of courses looking to the B. S. degree, with an increase of courses now given by other departments, has called for more teaching, which the Professors have patiently and willingly given. If the Professors can be relieved by the appointment of readers, who shall examine themes and correct written exercises, a vast amount of energy can be conserved and, in some instances, additional courses introduced. Professor Roberts, for instance, has signified his desire to give a course in Debate on condition that his daily themes shall be read by another. By suitable relief in the Department of Mathematics, Professor Hatch, so abundantly qualified by

training and teaching, would be able to give a course of one year in Biblical Literature.

13. It is my expectation that another year the Faculty will be able to arrange for several lectures and addresses to be delivered by persons eminent in their various professions. This, however, will require the personal solicitation of the necessary funds.

GIFTS

1st. \$20,000 towards her pledge for a new Women's Dormitory by Mrs. William H. Dexter.

2nd. \$500.00 for Campus improvements; \$500.00 for the furnishing of a mechanical drawing room, and \$250.00 toward the deficit of the year, by Mr. Charles A. Dean of Boston.

3rd. \$250.00 from Hon. R. C. Shannon, LL. D., for physical apparatus.

4th. \$1,000 from a Christian woman, as the first endowment for a separate Women's College. Her name cannot be given.

5th. \$1,000 for current expenses, by Hon. Arad Thompson of Bangor, for years an honored Trustee.

6th. Gifts to the Library, as stated in the Librarian's report.

7th. An oil portrait of Hon. Arad Thompson of Bangor, presented by his daughter, Mrs. Louise Thompson Whittier of Boston.

8th. New Grandstand and Athletic Field improvements.

9th. \$100.00 from Mr. George Fred Terry.

NEEDS

An increase of \$700,000 in our endowment, to be devoted in equal parts to Colby College and to the Women's College.

Mechanic Arts Building.....	\$50,000
Fund for its maintenance.....	100,000
Library	50,000
Fund for its maintenance.....	50,000

Improvements in the Gymnasium.....	8,000
Campus improvements	1,000
Improvements in South College, which shall introduce sunshine into all the sleeping-rooms and cause the corridors to run north and south.....	6,000
A Recitation Hall for the Women's College.....	35,000

Our greatest need at present, however, is an enlarged endowment.

In conclusion, I can no better express my convictions than to quote from President Small's report of 1891:—

“Colby College now needs two classes of friends. The first are those who appreciate what the college already is; who are proud of it; who understand that it no longer exists on sufferance; who know that in all departments of its work it is freely open to critical comparison with the best colleges in the country, and that in its methods of instruction it acknowledges the superiority of none; who can recommend it heartily, because of what it is, and not merely because of what it aspires to be.

Secondly, Colby needs friends who have wealth which they wish to employ in strengthening educational foundations. The friends of the former class must not remit their efforts to win friends of this latter class. The possibilities of our educational institutions as agencies of civilization within their field of influence, increase with their age, and with the needs of society. No money can secure more permanent returns than investments in the enlargement of educational facilities.

I desire, finally, to make reverent acknowledgment of the divine over-ruling, so gracious in the past, and to confess that my hopes for the continued prosperity of the college rest upon confidence, that it is to remain steadfast in its consecration to “the Extension of the Kingdom of God.”

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES LINCOLN WHITE.

Colby College, June 15, 1905.

Reports of Departments

WOMEN'S DIVISION: Dean Grace E. Berry. In reporting the condition of the Women's College for the past year, we would call attention to the increase in numbers which has certainly justified the step toward separation which has been taken by the Board of Trustees. The usual number of seventy-five women has changed to one hundred and eight, with the admission of fifty-four new students instead of the usual thirty. No special effort was made to secure students except through personal letters and occasional visits to fitting schools, so that the increase seems to indicate that Colby is being regarded with favor by the young women of New England. It is interesting to note that twenty per cent of the last entering class came from outside the State of Maine, as compared with eleven per cent the previous year.

In order to accommodate all the students, it was necessary to make extra arrangements, and we were fortunate enough to secure rooms in a house in the immediate neighborhood, where Mrs. Fenner, who lived on the lower floor, acted as Matron for the students. This has practically been a fourth college hall, as all the students rooming there have boarded at Ladies' Hall.

While the entering class for next year will probably be as large as last year, the accommodation of the students will be an easy matter. Foss Hall will accommodate 73 students and the Palmer House 27; but we may need to use another of our other houses. The Dutton House can be more readily rented for residence purposes, so that it seems better to reserve the Ladies'

Hall for our own use, particularly as the rooms on the lower floor will make very acceptable recitation rooms.

During this year, our dining room has been taxed to the utmost. Also the room for holding religious services has been inadequate; but the students have been most considerate, and have made such an effort to see that the life of the college should not suffer that we have been able to keep up the social and religious interests as well as in previous years. With our separate chapel service next year, and a better room for all religious services, we are confident that much better work can be done through the Christian Association.

Last year it was suggested that the board, tuition, and all other regular charges itemized in the catalogue, be combined into one stated sum. It seems that we are now ready for such action, and I recommend such a vote at this time in order that the new terms may be stated in the next catalogue, and become operative in September, 1906. The sum suggested is \$85 a term for those living in Foss Hall, and \$80 a term for other halls. Such an arrangement needs to be accompanied with the statement that no reduction is made for temporary absences, and that students remaining for a part of a term will be charged at some stated rate; perhaps \$8.00 per week. It seems desirable to continue, for the present, the plan of a reduction of three per cent for prompt payment. The reasons for recommending this change are:

1. An increase of at least \$500 per year in the income of the college without increasing the necessary expense of any student more than \$10 per year.
2. Our family and school life are so interwoven that if we attempt to keep our boarding department as such, the book-keeping is most difficult. In offering students opportunities to work their board, we have included the daily care of all the houses. This item should not be charged to the boarding

account; but since the same girl works in both places, it is difficult to do otherwise. The salary of the Dean and of the Matrons is, in part, paid by the boarding department, so that with some other small charges, the boarding department is almost unavoidably charged with at least \$300 which should be placed on other accounts.

3. The rooms are all so desirable that there is little reason for difference in price, and it is the experience of other colleges, that no one suffers when the choice of rooms is based on academic standing rather than on one's financial condition.

4. In all the correspondence for two years, young women have been told that the expenses for a year are about \$250, thus anticipating the proposed change. The schedule of prices for rooms has also been arranged with this in view, so that the average cost at Foss Hall will be \$238, with a maximum of \$252 in the case of a few rooms.

5. Parents are asking often if it is not possible to pay all the bills to one person, instead of having separate bills.

The gymnasium in the basement of Foss Hall furnishes an excellent opportunity for improvement in the physical condition of the women of the college. It is not necessary to provide, at once, elaborate apparatus, as free work with balancing movements will produce wonderful results; but we do need a woman living in the family who will, throughout the year, give class instruction amounting to at least eighteen hours per week, and will also give particular attention to individual cases; \$350 and home ought to secure an instructor who will give her entire time to the work. Physical culture seems to be a necessary part of a woman's education, not only because of the benefit to herself but because after graduation she is called upon to give similar instruction to her pupils. In thus selecting a Physical Director, we shall satisfy an immediate need in the college, and at the same time show to the public that the Women's College is indeed a reality.

THE LIBRARY: Professor Hall. The Library has been increased since the last report by 744 volumes, making the whole number recorded to the present time, 42,709 volumes. This does not include the large and constantly increasing number of unbound pamphlets, 20,000 at least, which are classified and placed as books on the shelves. As one of the depositories of public documents for this congressional district the Library has received 277 volumes and many pamphlets and maps from the U. S. Government. Of these a larger proportion than usual have been of practical use in the work of the college.

The yearly addition of this class of books calls for more shelf room than the Library has at its disposal. A separate room for documents would greatly relieve the congestion of the shelves and render these publications more readily accessible.

It has been necessary to expend quite a large proportion of the small appropriation for the Library, for the purchase and binding of periodicals, most of which are for the benefit of the several departments of the college instruction. Only 41 books, some of them above the average cost, have been added by purchase. Where so many books are desired it is difficult to expend a small allowance satisfactorily. The Library has received gifts of books during the year to the number of 377 volumes. Among the largest donors may be mentioned Rev. H. S. Burrage, D. D., 137 volumes, Mrs. I. B. Mower, 34, Mrs. Ellen E. Howes, 12, Dr. Shailer Mathews, 9, Daniel G. Munson, 5. From the University of Chicago a set of its "Decennial publications," 10 volumes, has been received. Mr. William H. Dexter has given the Poetical works of Prof. W. C. Wilkinson in 5 beautiful volumes. The Field Columbian Museum has continued to send its valuable scientific publications, and from the Duc de Loubat another fac-simile of ancient Mexican hieroglyphics has been received. Senators Hale and Frye have sent numerous government reports.

The use of the Library by the students, for direct assignments of books by the Professors, for preparation for articles on a great variety of subjects, for reading matter illustrating and verifying the brief statements of text-books, and for general reference, has been constant. While the number of books taken out has been only 5000, this total compares favorably with the statistics of other colleges. It should be remembered that this does not include the circulation of books from the Historical Department, and that the proportion of fiction issued is very small. The Library has in fact become the central laboratory where material for instruction and assigned work in every department of college activity is expected to be made available.

An Address Book of the graduates, which the librarian has for many years been keeping up, has been printed and distributed to the graduates, and has called forth many expressions of renewed interest in the college.

The course of instruction on "Books and Libraries," given formerly in the first term of the Sophomore year, has been brought into the third term of the Freshman year. This course is designed to acquaint the student with the practical use of libraries and books, including the history of their development. About 80 students are in attendance. Personal instruction and aid is also given to individuals in the Library almost daily.

Considerable assistance has been given during the year to advanced pupils in the Institute and the high schools of this vicinity, also to several ministers and churches and to several literary clubs. The demand for books containing the latest and best information on hundreds of subjects, far exceeds our present means of supply.

GREEK: Professor White. As there were no applicants for Elementary Greek this year, I have had but three courses to

conduct in the first term, three in the second, and four in the third.

The numbers electing work in the department are: first term, 48; second term, 51; third term, 48.

The work for the Freshmen has been: first term, Selections from Herodotus, elected by 9 men and 11 women; second term, three books of Homer's *Odyssey*, elected by 10 men and 11 women; third term, Plato's *Apology of Socrates*, elected by 9 men and 10 women.

In the advanced work for Juniors and Seniors the first and second terms have been given to the study of Demosthenes' *Speech on the Crown*, and the third term to Aristophanes' comedy, *The Clouds*. The numbers electing this work are: first term, 4 men and 7 women; second term 2 men and 6 women; third term, 2 men and 7 women.

The Sophomore courses in the Greek authors did not materialize this year in the first and second terms, as none of the three men who elected the work returned to college. But during the current term two Sophomores, one from each college, are reading Euripides' *Alcestis*. As last year, most of the Sophomores electing work in this department chose the work in Greek History in preference to the reading of authors in the Greek. A few Seniors also have been admitted to this work. The numbers of those electing it are: first term, 9 men and 8 women; second term, 13 men and 9 women; third term, 11 men and 7 women.

Whereas last year the work in Greek History was crowded into the first two terms, and the third term was given to an outline study of Greek Philosophy, it has been thought best this year to extend the Greek History through the year, and to give more time to Greek Art. At a cost of only \$5.00 five hundred small plates illustrating Greek and Roman Art have recently been procured for use in this work.

A small sum expended in framing some of the photographs of Greek works which Professor Warren collected would add much to the attractiveness of the Greek room.

LATIN: Professor Taylor. Of the four courses in Latin during the Fall term, the two required of the Freshman class were under the charge of Mr. Keniston; and the two electives, Course 7 for Sophomores and Course 11 for Juniors, were conducted by myself. In the winter, Mr. Keniston had the young women of the Freshman class in Course 4. The young men of this class in Course 3, as well as the electives in Courses 8 and 10, were retained by myself. In the third term, the young men of the Freshman class, and also the smaller section of the young women's division of the same class, were under the instruction of Mr. Keniston. Under my own charge were Course 11 for Seniors, Course 9 for Sophomores, and the larger division of the young women of the Freshman class in Course 6.

The number of students and periods of proper work in each Course were as follows:

Fall Term, 1904: Course 1: Freshmen, 30, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 2: Freshmen Women, Section (a), 35, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 2: Freshmen Women, Section (b), 15, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 7: Sophomores, 16, 3 hours: Professor Taylor. Course 11: Juniors, 2, 3 hours: Professor Taylor.

Winter Term, 1905: Course 3: Freshmen, 27, 4 hours: Professor Taylor. Course 4: Freshmen Women, Section (a), 21, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 4: Freshmen Women, Section (b), 23, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 10: Juniors and Seniors, 5, 3 hours: Professor Taylor. Course 8: Sophomores, 15, 3 hours: Professor Taylor.

Spring Term, 1905: Course 5: Freshmen, 26, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 6: Freshmen Women, Section (a), 24, 4 hours: Professor Taylor. Course 6: Freshmen

Women, Section (b), 13, 4 hours: Mr. Keniston. Course 9: Sophomores, 16, 3 hours: Professor Taylor. Course 12: Seniors, 16, 3 hours: Professor Taylor.

GERMAN: Professor Marquardt. The work in the Department of German during the present academic year has been very pleasant. All the fifteen courses which are offered in the catalogue for 1904-1905 have been given, and the classes in the elective work have been very large.

Courses 1, 3, 5: 40 students; 2, 4, 6: 37 students; 7, 8, 9: 42 students; 10, 11, 12: 11 students; 13, 14, 15: 15 students.

In almost all the courses the books that are mentioned in the catalogue have been studied. In very few cases changes have been made. Weekly compositions have been written in all except the reading courses. On account of the large number of students in this Department, the time spent in reading and correcting the themes has been considerable.

ROMANCE LANGUAGES: Professor Hedman. In the Department of Romance Languages the courses as described in the last annual catalogue have been given. Throughout the year there has been an average of 136 students in my classes. Experience has shown that the translating of English into French is an essential element in a French course. As I had an average of 136 students each term, I found it impossible to correct all the themes myself. The Prudential Committee, therefore, voted me some assistance in this work for the present year. If as large a class should enter Colby next September as entered last September, the size of my classes would be considerably increased. I, therefore, beg to call your attention to the need of assistance in my department.

ENGLISH: Professor Roberts. During the past year I have conducted all the English courses described in the last

catalogue of the college. The enrolment of classes is as follows:

		Subject	No. of Course	No. of Students
First Term	Rhetoric		1	53
" "	" "		2	23
" "	English Literature		1	12
" "	" "	"	4	25
" "	" "	"	8	45
" "	" "	"	8a	50
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Total				208
Second Term	Rhetoric		3	52
" "	" "	"	4	23
" "	English Literature		2	12
" "	" "	"	5	24
" "	" "	"	8	42
" "	" "	"	8a	47
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Total				200
Third Term	Rhetoric		5	49
" "	" "	"	6	22
" "	English Literature		6 & 7	31
" "	" "	"	3	23
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Total				125

Mr. Keniston has rendered valuable assistance in theme reading.

PSYCHOLOGY AND ETHICS: President White. These courses have been given as outlined on page 55 of the catalogue and consisted of text-book, lectures, assigned readings, and essays. Psychology was given the first term and was followed by Ethics in the winter term.

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY: Professor Sorensen. The course in the History of Philosophy was given as outlined in the catalogue. The text used was "A Student's History of

Philosophy," by Arthur Kenyon Rogers, an alumnus of Colby College. This book, though not in all respects adapted to the needs of the beginner, is especially valuable for the large number of very excellent quotations from original sources. On account of the arrangement by which only three hours a week, and for but one term, is given to this course, it was found necessary for the sake of thoroughness to omit all of mediaeval and a part of modern philosophy. The course was elected by fourteen students.

HISTORY AND POLITICS: Professor Black. The courses in History and Politics have been given this year practically as announced in the catalogue for 1904-1905; and the methods indicated there and described at some length in the President's Report for 1904 have in general been followed. It is gratifying to be able to report progress in the quality of the work done, and an increasing interest in historical study. The amount of written work, which is a valuable feature of these courses, has become so considerable as to constitute a heavy burden upon the instructor.

The enrolment of the courses has been as follows:

Fall Term: History 4: 25 men; 4 women. History 7: 11 men; 10 women.

Winter Term: History 5: 24 men; 4 women. History 8: 10 men; 10 women.

Spring Term: History 6: 24 men; 4 women. History 9: 10 men; 10 women. Politics 12: 5 men. These courses are all elective.

Eighty-nine volumes have been added during the year to the library of the department, having been purchased out of the fund contributed by the students of the department for this purpose. These additions are an invaluable aid to the work, as they provide books so much needed for collateral reading and researches. A set of Atkinson and Mentzer's Series of His-

torical Maps illustrative of American History has also been added.

The recommendations made in the report of this department a year ago are still urgent. Additional cases and shelves are needed to house the new books and other equipment that have been acquired by the department.

A new department of Economics should be provided at the earliest practicable date for reasons given in previous reports and recommendations of the President. Modern educational demands and the progress of our competitors require such an expansion of our curriculum.

ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY: Professor Sorensen. These courses were given as outlined in the catalogue. The new text book "Elementary Economics" by Ely and Wicker, was used. In the winter term the text employed was Hobson's "Modern Capitalism." In the spring term Henderson's "Dependents, Defectives and Delinquents" was used as text. Eighteen students took this course in the first term, and thirteen students in the third term.

MATHEMATICS: Professor Hatch. The following is an outline of the courses taught in the Department of Mathematics during the year just closing:

FALL TERM.

Freshmen—A. B. Section, Solid Geometry, 4 hours per week.
B. S. Section, Solid Geometry with introduction to Modern Geometry, 5 hours per week.
Women's Section, Solid Geometry, 4 hours per week.
Sophomores and Juniors—Analytical Geometry, 3 hours per week.

WINTER TERM.

Freshmen—A. B. Section, Algebra, 4 hours per week.

B. S. Section, Algebra, 5 hours per week.

Women's Section, Algebra, 4 hours per week.

Sophomores and Juniors—Analytical Geometry completed, 3 hours per week.

Elementary Surveying, 3 hours per week.

SPRING TERM.

Freshmen—A. B. Section, Trigonometry, 4 hours per week.

B. S. Section, Trigonometry, 5 hours per week.

Women's Section, Trigonometry, 4 hours per week.

Sophomores and Juniors—Spherical Trigonometry and Descriptive Geometry, 3 hours per week.

Surveying continued, 3 hours per week.

The Freshmen have been taught in the three sections as indicated above. In the Winter and Spring terms, in order that I might give an extra course, the Dean of the Women's Division of the college has taught the women's section of the class; and on account of its size it has been taught in two divisions of four hours per week each. Two new courses have been introduced during the year: Surveying, covering two terms; and Descriptive Geometry, one term. The arrangement of courses as indicated by this year's catalogue will be in full force with the beginning of the Fall term.

If the entering classes continue to come in as large numbers as those of this year, it will be necessary to divide them into smaller sections than those indicated for this year. This will necessitate an assistant in the department, if the work is to be done in the best manner. The department is greatly in need of geometrical models for the teaching of geometrical subjects.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY: Professor Reuterdahl. The work in the Department of Physics for the past year has

been carried on in accordance with the plan pursued during the previous year. It was, however, impossible to give laboratory work to the Sophomore class on account of its size and the consequent insufficiency of apparatus. The Physical Laboratory is in need of some form of a gas generator capable of supplying at least three Bunsen burners. A substantial air pump is much desired. Modern and sensitive electrical measuring instruments are absolutely necessary for proper work in the Junior Laboratory course. The work in Astronomy has been conducted along the same lines as in the previous year.

CHEMISTRY: Professor Parmenter. During the past year the courses in chemistry have been given as outlined in the last catalogue, with the exception of those of the third year work for students in the scientific course. These will be given for the first time this coming year. Hereafter only courses 1, 2 and 3 will be required of students in the B. S. Course.

The new balance room has proven very satisfactory and is at present equipped with three analytical balances. One more balance should be added as soon as possible, as during the past year we had five students to each instrument and much valuable time was lost in waiting for their turn to weigh.

The new laboratory for qualitative and quantitative chemistry will accommodate nineteen students and is fairly well equipped. A spectroscope is needed for the qualitative work. The course in organic chemistry, which will be given for the first time next year, has absolutely no equipment. As the number taking the course will be small, I shall endeavor for this coming year to provide the necessary chemicals and apparatus from my regular yearly appropriation.

The department library is extremely weak, and to do satisfactory work we must have more books of reference. With the \$50.00 which was appropriated last year, Thorpe's Dictionary of

Chemistry, three volumes, and Sutton's Volumetric Analysis, one volume, were purchased.

I would very respectfully recommend that a like sum be appropriated this year to partially meet this need.

GEOLOGY: Professor Bayley. The work of the past year in the Department under my charge has proceeded along the lines of the preceding year. The names of the courses given and number of students in each follows:

Fall Term: Mineralogy 2, Geology 14, Physical Geography 20, total 36. Winter Term: Geology 13, Physical Geography 16, total 29. Spring Term: Geology 12, Physical Geography 16, total 28.

Of the students in Physical Geography 8 of those attending the Fall term's work, and 6 of those attending the Winter and the Spring terms' courses, were members of the Women's College. The members of the Mineralogy and Geology classes were all men.

In this connection it is interesting to note that of the 24 men that should properly be regarded as Seniors only 5 have not taken work in the Department. Most of the remainder took an equivalent of two years' work, and a few the equivalent of three years' work. Of the 19 men in the Junior class, 11 are in Physical Geography. Under the present rules of the college, the course will be open again to the remaining 8 during their Senior year.

In the light of these figures, it is clear that the recent act of the Trustees in abolishing the Department will affect particularly the work of the men's college.

BIOLOGY: Mr. Chester. The average number of students in Biology during the past year was 52. On account of this large number, Physiology was given by Professor Sorenson. The amount expended during the year was about \$175.00

more than the amount received by laboratory fees. There was need of laboratory assistants from the very first. Two seniors acted in this capacity, but this method of student help was found inadequate because their scholastic duties interfered seriously with the work.

The effort is being made to equip the laboratory especially for the beginning courses. This is by no means accomplished. The rooms used for laboratory work need renovating; the tables are not adapted for microscopic work; one room needs to be set apart as a store room.

During the year each microscope has been used by three persons. This has necessitated three divisions in classes where two would have answered if apparatus had been sufficient. The stands of eight of the microscopes are practically worthless. They will need replacing as soon as possible. Sixteen microscopes, including these, are in constant use. This number should be immediately increased to twenty. There is need of specimen jars, reagent bottles, tables and apparatus in connection with the making of slides for class use. There are almost no modern books in the library relating to the subject.

It must be kept in mind that three separate subjects, Botany, Zoology and Physiology, are included under the general head of Biology. Each has its own peculiar requirements. There is urgent need for both zoological, botanical and physiological charts and models. It is therefore recommended that \$100 be spent for charts and models; \$50 be set aside for books; \$120 for four microscopes; \$140 for general supplies, and \$500 for renovations. Inasmuch as Biology has been made a separate department, these amounts should be expended and there should be set aside yearly a definite sum for its use.

PHYSIOLOGY: Professor Sorensen. On account of the pressure of work in the Department of Biology, the President requested me to give the course in Physiology. Mr. Chester

had already prepared some material for illustrative purposes, which, together with the valuable collection of models, made it possible to make the course interesting and attractive as well as instructive. Twelve students.

PHYSICAL CULTURE: Professor Sorensen. The regular work in the gymnasium was begun immediately after the Thanksgiving recess. During the winter term the work was made elective for the Women's Division by vote of the Faculty. It was proposed to substitute walking and the majority of the young ladies made the substitution. Record was kept of their reported time and they were graded accordingly. A small class was organized of those who elected gymnasium work and regular drills were given three hours a week throughout the term; eight members. The above change was made on account of the lack of adequate facilities in the way of lockers, dressing rooms and baths.

The work of the Men's Division was organized with reference to the giving of an exhibition at the end of the winter term. All the students not excused by petition to the Faculty, were required to attend and a careful record was kept of attendance. The aim of the department was to acquaint the students with the uses of the various pieces of apparatus and also to lay the foundation of systematic body building. The fact that an exhibition was looked forward to added no little zest to the work and was highly appreciated by both the student body and community. If such an exhibition were made an annual event, it would greatly increase the vital interest in pure gymnastics and reduce to a minimum the irksomeness felt under the system making gymnastics a required course. The exhibition was given March 14th. The gymnasium building should receive early attention. There is immediate need of an indoor running track.

Reports of Preparatory Schools

The total registration of the College and Preparatory Schools for the year has been 982.

After eleven years of faithful and effective service, Principal Johnson has resigned his position at Coburn to become the Principal of Morgan Park Academy at Chicago, Illinois. His departure is deeply regretted.

You will also be pained to learn that Mr. Wellman has resigned the principalship of Ricker Classical Institute, having been called to the principalship of Colby Academy at New London, New Hampshire. The growth at Ricker under Mr. Wellman's wise administration has been very gratifying.

HEBRON ACADEMY: Principal Sargent. It gives me pleasure to report to you briefly the year at Hebron Academy. The year has in all ways been the most successful of any year since I knew the school. The full enrollment of the year is 233; boys 159, girls 74. There are not six girls who have not taken a stand for Christ. There has been a large number of conversions in school, both among boys and girls, though no special meetings have been held and no channels of religious work save by the regular and usual ones. At least half a dozen boys—stalwart and leading boys—have had a vigorous religious conversion and have become mainstays in our religious meetings; three of them from the Senior class.

Our teaching force in regular work this year numbers 12; five men, seven women. This has enabled the school to give a quality and quantity of work far beyond any in previous years.

Six teachers are from Colby. Our school courses have been broadened in every way. There has been the minimum of occasion for discipline during the year, and where it has occurred the endorsement of the school has stood behind it.

Our dining-room in Sturtevant Hall has been taxed to its utmost, and the school has been in straits to accommodate the boys who have knocked at its doors. The school needs a cottage to accommodate 36 boys. May it soon come. Our campus needs some extensive grading and filling to furnish a proper play-ground.

Statistics:

Senior class 53; Junior class 55; Sophomore class 62; Freshman class 34; Unclassified 28; Post Graduate 1; total 233. Class in music 28. Number in School—College Course 147; Boys in school 159; Girls in school 74. Number of states represented 10; 27 from Massachusetts; two from Ohio; six from New Hampshire; two from New York; one each from Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Cuba and Bulgaria. Number of towns in Maine represented 83; number in all states 105. Students are represented from every one of the 16 counties in Maine.

The social, intellectual, literary and religious conditions never were in a more vigorous and sound condition.

COBURN CLASSICAL INSTITUTE: Principal Johnson. As my work in the Institute is to close at the end of the present year, I should like to review briefly the work of the eleven years of my principalship.

Following the death of Dr. Hanson in April, I first took charge of the school in July, 1895. A committee of the Trustees, consisting of Judge Bonney, President Whitman and Mr. Cornish, from the very first co-operated heartily. The course of study was at once changed from three to four years. For the first year the attendance at the school was 120. With few

exceptions, the attendance has shown an increase each year until the present, during which we have enrolled 174 pupils—the largest number for the entire period. The average attendance for eleven years has been 143. The teaching force has been increased by the addition of two teachers. From the ten classes entering Colby during this time 117 have come from the institute. The present class will send about the average number, so that for the eleven years at least 125 students will have entered Colby from the Institute.

Important changes have taken place in the financial condition of the school. The income from invested funds has diminished from \$3000 to \$1600. At the same time, the income from tuition fees has increased from \$2200 to \$4600. Up to 1901, there was an annual deficit, which was met by the college, averaging for the seven years \$1700 per year. At the annual meeting of the Board in 1900 I proposed a plan of incorporation, which was voted, and the "Trustees of Coburn Classical Institute" were incorporated by act of the Legislature in 1901. For the three following years the Institute received annually the sum of \$1300 from the college; the same being held as a liability against the Coburn funds. Interest has been paid on this amount advanced. For the past year no money has been paid from the college treasury for the support of the Institute beyond the income of the Coburn funds. The separate incorporation of the Institute has thus relieved the college during these four years of a sum aggregating at least \$6800. Moreover, a group of influential men have become officially identified with the Institute, who have given liberally of their time and money for the maintenance of the school.

The family of Stephen Coburn last June proposed to give the sum of \$25,000, or any part thereof, in equal amounts for money added to the endowment of the Institute, until the sum of \$50,000 is secured. The continuance of the school depends upon the securing of this amount. Considering the important relation

which the school has from the first had to the college and the large amount of money already invested here, it would seem that both sentiment and good business would prompt the college to use every energy in assisting in securing the completion of the Coburn gift. Several substantial pledges have already been received, and it should be possible to secure the entire amount within a year.

The condition of the school for the past year has been the most satisfactory of all my term of service. The quality of our students and of their work has been unusually high. There has been the highest moral and religious tone we have ever had. Our teachers and pupils have worked together in perfect harmony. Four vacancies on the teaching force for next year have occurred, for various unrelated causes. The Trustees have already filled several of these with strong teachers, so that the work of the school need be expected to suffer in no respect.

In resigning my position to enter upon a new field of labor, I wish to express my gratitude to the members of your Board who, from the first, have been my willing and trusted advisers, and also to express the hope that my successor may be accorded your full support at the critical time at which he begins his work.

RICKER CLASSICAL INSTITUTE: Principal Wellman. During the past four years Ricker has made several very decided steps to the front, and it may be affirmed in all sincerity that she stands among the best of the preparatory schools of the State. In size she is second to none. Her recent graduates are making an enviable record for themselves in college and in the various lines of work in which they have engaged. There is an increasing spirit of loyalty among the alumni; and the boys and girls of Aroostook are looking forward to making Ricker their preparatory school. In recognition of the standard of scholarship the

school has been approved by the New England College Entrance Certificate Board.

During the last four years the attendance at the school has increased forty-seven per cent. The following statistics, taken from the latest catalogue give the number enrolled:

Whole number enrolled in Literary courses for year ending December 31, 1904, 235. Whole number enrolled in Music courses for year ending December 31, 1904, 37. Total number enrolled in all courses for year ending December 31, 1904, 272.

Of the 235 enrolled in Literary courses, 131 are in courses which will prepare them for college, 102 are boys and 133 are girls.

The total number of graduates for the years 1902, 1903, 1904 is 62. Of this number 19 or 30 per cent have entered college. Fifteen of these 19 or 79 per cent have entered Colby. Twenty-five students will receive the diploma of the school on June 21, 1905. Six or seven of these at least will doubtless enter Colby.

The various athletic, literary, musical, and religious associations at Ricker are all in a healthy condition.

Financially the present year is the best year the school has had for a long period. For the first time in years the school year will close without a deficit. The school is not adequately equipped to accommodate the students that are flocking to it; and, unless something can be done soon, there will be a falling off in attendance.

Most imperatively the school needs a new dormitory. \$2000 is needed to repair the interior of Wording Hall, \$10,000 is needed to build and equip a gymnasium, \$7000 is needed to purchase land immediately adjoining the campus. This would give the school an athletic field and a site for a Principal's house which should cost \$4000. An addition of \$50,000 is needed for the endowment so that the school may be relieved of the anomaly of seeking to educate the youth in a section of the State covering

nearly one fourth its entire area, and seeking thus with an endowment of \$18,000.

As long as the above mentioned needs continue, the school will be hindered from doing effective work.

Ideal in situation, with an indefatigable corps of teachers, a contented, loyal body of students, the school has splendid possibilities. The lack of money only holds it down.

HIGGINS CLASSICAL INSTITUTE: Principal Thomas.* Higgins Classical Institute would make its "family" report of a successful year in many ways,—though we have our needs, our problems, our difficulties, and discouragements.

It is needless to say that the corps of teachers has labored to keep all branches up to a high degree of efficiency. This, with the small teaching force, and the wide curriculum, has been no small task. Arduous and painstaking effort has been the rule rather than the exception.

Under Principal Thomas' kind and gentle discipline, the morale of the school has been excellent. Things have run so smoothly that, from the outside, few, if any, jars have been felt. Up to date, only one case of discipline has come before the Executive Board. So little discipline has never been known in the history of the school within three weeks of the close of the year.

While it may not be said that there has been a religious revival in the school, the interest in these things has been better and healthier than for years, with one young lady taking a decided stand. The work of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. has been successfully and helpfully maintained. And, withal, we know of no cleaner, safer, healthier place for secondary education than here at Charleston.

* (This report was prepared by Rev. Sumner Bangs, of the Higgins Committee.)

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And when we speak of them in particular, they cover a large part of our problems, difficulties and discouragements. Our first need is *to be better known*, first, by those whose duty it is to foster and encourage clear, safe education; second, by those who have children to educate. It is too true that so large a number, who are really interested in these things, do not know the splendid equipment and privileges here offered. Because of this, comes our most pressing need: *more students*, which would in a measure solve the present financial problem. During the year the average has been about sixty students, when we could accommodate *twice* that number at practically the same expense. The graduating class this year numbers six, two of which, and probably four, will enter college this year, or a year later. The prospect for the next year's graduate class is, however, some better in numbers, though not in proportion of those who expect to study further.

The question arises, in connection with the smallness of our numbers, if all concerned should take the proper interest in this institution, would such condition exist?

President White, in his report (p. 30) for 1904, puts the case in these words: "Our financial relations with this school (H. C. I.) are of a peculiarly intimate character, and I recommend that a committee be appointed which shall report to the Trustees at the mid-winter meeting in January, 1905, and whose duty it shall be, in conference with the benefactor of this Institute to examine into all the present conditions, financial and otherwise."

We feel that if this recommendation could be well carried out, our condition would change for the better. The school is planted here with its adequate equipment, and would seem to supply what is needed. What it needs is the hearty co-operation of those who can make it a success. The school asks this co-operation at a critical time to put it upon its feet financially, and before the world.

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My dear Mr. Sandy:

Your letter of December 21 reached me just before my departure for a short vacation, and I have only now got around to looking up the issues of Colby publications which you lack.

We are sending you under separate cover about thirty items of the Catalog, President's Report, and Treasurer's Report series. I shall not bother to list these individually, but according to the record you sent me they go a considerable way toward completing your files.

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Included in the same package is a copy of Carl J. Weber's In Thomas Hardy's Workshop, a publication which is ordinarily sent out on a sale basis but which we are glad to send you with our compliments. If the University of Illinois publishes lists of exchange materials from time to time we should be glad to be put on the mailing list.

Very truly yours,

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